



Pearl White One of the most dashing and vivacious of moving picture actresses, plays the leading part in our new film serial **The Exploits of Elaine**

Never before have you had the opportunity of seeing such remarkable pictures as will be shown in this series. By all means don't miss "The Exploits of Elaine". "Exploits of Elaine" last Friday night at the Photoplay was well attended and is pronounced better than "The Trey O' Hearts."

It is full of thrilling scenes and will show us many methods used by the detectives of today in their efforts to run down scientific criminals. The story is given in full on another page of the News. It appears on Thursday and the picture showing the story is put on the screen Friday night. This will be much better than the arrangements we made on the other serial when the News was about three weeks ahead with the story. These stories are

SOUTHERN GARDNERS

The gardener in the South may well remember certain important facts which are summed up in the United States Department of Agriculture's new Farmers' Bulletin (No. 647) entitled "Home Garden in the South." They are as follows:

- (1) In nearly all sections of the South there is a scarcity of fresh vegetables during the larger part of the year.
- (2) A well-kept garden will yield a return eight to ten times as great as that from an equal area devoted to cotton or to other general farm crops.
- (3) The value of vegetables in the diet is a great deal more than the mere food or money value, as they furnish a large part of the essential salts which are necessary to the well being of the human system.
- (4) The location selected for the garden should be as near the house as possible. Practically any type of soil can be used for vegetables, but a sandy loam is to be preferred.
- (5) Good drainage is of prime importance. If the land has not good natural drainage, artificial drainage should be employed.
- (6) Where cultivation is to be done by means of horse tools the garden should be long and narrow, with the rows running the long way of the garden.
- (7) The garden should be laid off in straight rows for either horse or hand cultivation.
- (8) An area of one-fourth to one-half acre in garden crops should be sufficient for a family of average size.
- (9) The garden should be occupied as large a part of the year as possible. As soon as one crop is removed, another should be planted, so as to have a succession of crops coming on all the time.
- (10) A good system of rotation should be followed in the home garden in order to keep diseases and insects in check and to keep the soil in good condition.
- (11) The soil for the garden should be thoroughly prepared before planting vegetables. A deep soil is desirable, but the depth should be increased gradually.
- (12) Barnyard or stable manure is the best fertilizer for vegetable growing, as it furnishes both plant food and humus. Where manure is not available, green crops, such as cowpeas, soy beans, vetch, or crimson

clover, should be turned under to supply humus and part of the nitrogen. Commercial fertilizers can be employed to furnish most of the plant food, but without humus in the soil the fertilizer will be of little value.

(13) For early crops of cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, etc., the seed should be started in a hotbed or cold frame, or in a box in the dwelling. In most sections of the South a cold frame will be satisfactory, but in the colder regions a hotbed should be used.

(14) In order to secure a good stocky plant with large roots systems, the seedlings should be transplanted at least once before setting in the garden. The plants should be set 2 inches apart each way in a box, hotbed, or cold frame.

(15) Before setting plants in the open they should be hardened off, to prevent a serious check to growth. This can be accomplished by exposing the plants to outside conditions during the day in mild weather and finally leaving them uncovered at night when there is no danger of frost.

(16) Thoroughly soak the plant bed before removing the plants, so as to have as much soil adhere to the roots as possible.

(17) In setting the plants in the garden, thoroughly pack the soil around the roots. When the soil is dry, it is advisable to apply a little water around the roots. As soon as the water is soaked in, the moist soil should be covered with dry earth to prevent baking.

(18) Give frequent shallow cultivation with small tooth cultivators. A sweep or turnplow should not be used unless the land becomes so awfully weedy that cultivators will not do the work.

DISTRICT COURT MONDAY

District court will begin its work Monday of settling the disputes and dealing out justice to those who have transgressed against the laws of the land.

Judge Lieb is scheduled to take up the duties as judge in his usual forceful manner and unless he is ill will be here Sunday.

A number of interesting cases will be tried and some of those interested are arriving now and getting ready to put their cases.

We are all inclined to consider a man a fine fellow if he is a good listener to our hot air.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

The entire community was shocked last Wednesday evening when word passed around that Mr. Malachi Hogan, an esteemed citizen living about three miles northwest of town, had committed suicide by hanging himself that afternoon.

Word was sent to Justice Doerge and Constable Hackerott, and on the next morning they convened a coroner's jury and held an inquest on the body, with the verdict of death at his own hands by hanging.

The jury consisted of G. Peal, Ira L. Busick, Felix Wilburn, Frank Mear, J. E. Hughes and W. C. Burkhardt. The witnesses were William Hogan, Thomas Hogan, James Carroll, Claude R. Carroll.

It was found that Mr. Hogan was last seen alive about two o'clock. Several hours later he was found dead in the barn on the Wm. Clouse place, half mile from the Hogan home.

It was found that he had gone to the Clouse barn and erected a little scaffold in one of the stalls and stood on it while fixing a short piece of rope around his neck and fastening it to the roof. He had also taken a few feet of baling wire along from home, and used it to fasten his hands behind his back.

It is supposed that having made everything ready, he kicked the scaffold from under his feet, and when found, his feet were touching the ground, but he was quite dead.

No cause is known for his act except that he has been suffering from neuralgia and a general depression of spirits. He had \$38.41 in his pockets when found and had \$400.00 in the bank.

Mr. Hogan was a man of unusual intelligence and of a very peaceful disposition. In the eight years he lived here, he never had any trouble with anybody.

He has ten children and a wife living, all but two of whom, Thomas and William, live in Missouri. He would have been 65 years old next Sunday.

The funeral took place this morning at the Obar cemetery; Father Molinie of Tucumcari, officiating.—Obar Progress.

GOOD ROADS WOULD HELP ALL

Farmers are bringing in large loads of maize and wheat from the plains country and most of them report a big wheat acreage in their different parts of the county. This wheat is to be marketed somewhere and Tucumcari is preparing to get her share. The road bonds would have helped but Tucumcari and the railroad company would have had to stand most of the expense so why not take up a private subscription and together with what can be secured from the county the roads can be made passable and when they are made that way there is nothing on earth can keep the farmers from bringing their grain to this city where they can buy coal, dry goods, groceries and many other necessary things cheaper than any place on the Santa Fe railroad.

We have lived long enough in this old world to know that our hatred for any certain merchant is not strong enough to make us go to some other store and pay more for practically the same goods. "Buy where your money goes the farthest" is all right providing you trade as near home as possible. If the citizens of Tucumcari get busy and help the farmers build roads they should be patronized so long as they do the right thing and do not try to "sting" the customer.

GOOD PLAY

The High School Athletic Association presents "A Strenuous Life" tomorrow (Friday) night, April 2nd at the Opera House. The cast has finished hard training and during the past week only light work was engaged in. Each member is in condition and ready to fight desperately for the amateur championship honors of dramatic art in the city. All past performances will receive the knock-out in the first round. The budding youngsters guarantee to deliver the goods or refund the price of admission.

See this clever college play. It will cost you but fifty cents and the time will have been well spent if you go. Remember the date—APRIL 2. Remember the price, fifty cents. Come! Come! SATISFACTION IS GUARANTEED.

NEW DAIRY OPENS

The "Sanitary Dairy" is the name of the new dairy which opened this week, and is owned and operated by J. D. Love, who has had several years experience in this line of business.

Mr. Love came to this county from Texas some time ago and took up a claim near Endee and moved to this city only a short time ago, taking up his residence on the Dr. Nichols place southeast of town where he has been busy getting ready to open a new dairy. He has twenty-four jersey cows and has installed a big churn. He will churn at least twice a week and will guarantee every pound of his butter to be first-class. Mr. Love is accessible to the telephone and will give prompt attention to any order no matter how small same may be. Read his ad in another column.

Don't miss the "Strenuous Life" at the opera house Friday night.

DON'T LIKE FREAK LAW

Mr. J. E. Lang, who lives near the village of Puerto, has written to Judge Cutlip in regard to the law whereby a person is not allowed to shoot a rabbit or even carry a shot gun across the open prairie without first obtaining a license. This law will not and could not be enforced because the citizens of New Mexico have a right to protect their crops from all living things and it would be an impossibility to build a fence tight enough to keep out this enemy of the farmer.

The answer is as follows:
Tucumcari, N. M., Mar. 31, 1915
J. E. Lang, Puerto, N. M.
Dear Sir—

Answering yours of the 28th, asking about the article headed "Must Take Out a License," will say that it is, from all accounts, only too true, that a license must be taken out before a citizen of this, or any other county, can kill a rabbit even. The plagues of Egypt were sent upon the people without their consent. In that case the people themselves were not much to be blamed. In this case where the people are to undergo the rabbit plague, the people themselves are more or less to be blamed. Not that they wanted this kind of legislation, but that they elected the kind of people who constituted the majority in the late legislature. When a sovereign people so far forget themselves and their interests that they will elect a bunch like they did to represent them, they must take the consequences, and in this case one of the consequences that followed was that no more rabbits must be killed. The said rabbit may now safely make its burrow anywhere, to the detriment of the farmer and homesteader; may eat up his young trees and growing crops; may wax fat and multiply without let or hindrance, and the farmer may not say him nay, unless, forsooth, he take out a license.

Think of it—take out a license to protect himself from an animal which should be exterminated. And this is the wisdom of the majority of the legislature. Are you surprised? And are you strong enough for it that you will vote next time to send this (?) brainy bunch back to make other similar laws?

To the credit of the members from Quay county be it said that no one has even accused them of being a party to this action. Yours very truly,
J. D. CUTLIP

THIRTY-NINE HOBOS

The street force has been increased and several new faces were seen at work Monday morning. It was reported by one of the yard men that one train from the west which arrived in Tucumcari last Friday afternoon, carried enough passengers to have warranted the attaching a passenger coach, but the train crew was not aware of the fact that so many were on board. By actual count 39 got off this train for rest and refreshments. There were all nationalities represented in the crowd which scattered to all parts of the city looking for a "job" in order they might get one square meal. The city marshal rounded up a few of the strongest looking and furnished them the necessary tools to assist in cleaning up the streets. It was the best he could do as the city hotel has but few rooms and this limited capacity makes it necessary to play favorites.

Clovis has appointed a day for a general clean-up and expects to have a number of sons of rest rounded up for that special occasion. They are advertising this fact broadcast and no doubt the Santa Fe route will not be so popular as it has heretofore been but some unsuspecting one will get caught in the net.

This city would do well to make one day out of the week "clean-up" day and hold a few of these weary wretches for what assistance they might be able to give.

Sometime ago there were three or four struck and refused to work. They were given the "fast" cure and within forty-eight hours were completely cured and eating three meals a day, using the shovel and spade with a determination to "never again."

BEAR GRASS ARRIVING

The bear-grass factory received its first bear grass Monday morning and several car loads have arrived this week from points up the road. Obar sending in quite a good share of it.

On account of the electric company being unable to secure the wire necessary to connect up the motor, the factory did not get started as soon as was expected, but the machinery is ready for the long service which will be required of it and before the end of the week will be turning out finished product. The foreman Mr. Mowry, together with the assistance of Charles Haas and E. C. Muckelroy, has put these machines in readiness to turn bear grass into a useful fiber which will be much needed in making binder twine and rope. Many other machines are in transit and are expected to arrive at any moment. They will be installed at once and a night shift put on when the factory will be worked to the limit on account of the immense amount of bear grass now ready for use.

When father is taking care of the baby its face is always dirty.

ROAD BOND ELECTION WILL REQUIRE OFFICIAL COUNT

Thirteen precincts give the bonds a majority of 100 and while it is thought it has carried the more conservative say it will take the official count to determine whether or not Quay county will issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000 with which to build roads in her borders.

The vote in Tucumcari was 227 for and 57 against which shows to the farmer that we are willing to do anything to bring them here to trade. This would not benefit any one man or set of men, but will bring competition which always proves beneficial to the producer. Two buyers will pay more for your produce than if some one person has the whole field to himself.

Montoya gave the bonds a nice majority by voting 27 to 4; Nara Visa voted nearly unanimous for the bonds the vote there being 44 to 3; Endee came up with a vote of 24 to 6 in favor of the proposition, while a message from San Jon stated the vote there was about a stand-off.

Ima was the first place to report from the plains country. The vote was about even; the vote at Quay was 14 for and 39 against. This is accounted for by most of the voters in that precinct not believing the promises made them, but we hope they will find out that they were wrong because this one locality should have a good road by all means. They are nearly compelled to bring their stuff here to sell, therefore they would derive more benefits than any other one locality.

Curry voted 0 for 7 against.
Forrest 3 for; 64 against
House 6 for and 43 against
Logan 30 for and 18 against
Olar 12 for and 11 against
San Jon 11 for and 47 against
Loyd 1 for and 18 against

Many surprises were sprung the main one and the most disastrous was that of San Jon voting against the bonds giving the opposition a majority of 36, which is equivalent to defeating the issue it is feared.

STRAYS AWAY FROM HOME

A little niece of Mrs. Max Tafoya who with her mother has been visiting Mrs. Tafoya for several days, was out playing with the children and accidentally got separated from the others and became lost. She wandered far away from home and a party of neighbors and friends went in search of her.

Several hours were consumed and every place imaginable was visited in the hope of finding the little child. A Mexican woman picked her up several blocks from the Tafoya home and the little girl was crying so she could not tell her name or where she came from, so the woman had some of the neighbors phone to "central station" and asked if any inquiry had been made there. The High school was then notified and Prof. Hofer soon got the searching party and the little girl together.

The little girl knew she was lost but was unable to tell anything as to where she belonged but the Mexican woman kept up her inquiry and the little one was made happy once more when she was returned to her mother.

RALPH C. ELY IS CHOSEN

Hon. Ralph C. Ely, well known in political circles in this state because of the fact that he was chosen state chairman by the republicans to pilot them to victory last fall and he proved his ability in that respect and afterwards gave his brothers a good calling down for playing petty politics, has been selected to address the graduating class of the Tucumcari High School May 14. The Board of Education in casting about to secure a good man for this occasion could have done no better than to choose Mr. Ely. He is a forceful speaker and will command attention because he is talented and his subject will no doubt be along educational lines.

A message received this week from Mr. Ely states that he had accepted the invitation and would be with us on May 14.

There are thirteen members of the graduating class and elaborate arrangements are being made for this occasion. Special music will be one of the main features.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the earnest request of several of the voters, I hereby announce as a candidate for member of the Board of Education, subject to the action of the voters at the general school election to be held on the 6th day of Apr. 1915.
J. M. Putman

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the earnest solicitation of a number of the voters of school district No. 1, I have consented to announce as a candidate for school director subject to the school election to be held on the sixth day of April, 1915.
J. M. STARK

CONTEST A SUCCESS

The contest given by the Muirhead Variety Store was a big success, although it never got started before the first of last week, giving the little girls but a short time to do their work.

There were fifteen prizes given—the first ten being nice dolls and the other five being rings guaranteed for three years. Nineteen little girls entered the race and solicited trade for this popular store and had the race lasted one week longer Mr. Muirhead would have added additional clerks to handle the business. The contest closed Saturday night at eight o'clock when the sale slips were counted and balanced by the judges and the store was still crowded when the winners were announced about nine o'clock.

Those carrying off the prizes were:
First—Bertha Jackson
Second—Atha Salyers
Third—Bessie Bryant
Fourth—Dellafay Kegley
Fifth—Velma Mapels
Sixth—Mildred Butler
Seventh—Lois Coulter
Eighth—Edith Young
Ninth—Josephine Richardson
Tenth—Sybil Fox
Eleventh—Kathrine Bryan
Twelfth—Gladys George
Thirteenth—Edith Miller
Fourteenth—Nona Ramsdale
Fifteenth—Bessie Jeffrey

READY TO BUY BEAR GRASS

The fibre factory is ready for business and as soon as the electric light company connects up the power the wheels will begin to move. It is estimated by one who is on the inside that a night force will soon be put on and at least 100 men will be employed turning bear grass into valuable fibre. There are still several machines to arrive and as fast as they get in they are placed in position to earn money for the owners.

We wish to say that it is up to the farmer to deal directly with this company because nobody in Tucumcari has one dollar's interest in the plant other than the donation to encourage the company to locate here.

Mr. Raymond and the foreman, Mr. Mowry are genial business men and are ready to meet the farmers half way and will buy your grass at the prices they feel able to pay.

Write them what you have and they will quote you prices.

EXAMINATIONS

The State department has sent a list of questions to the schools of the state asking that examinations be held on Friday and Saturday of this week to see who is eligible to pass from the eighth grade to the high school.

Supt. Pack reports that about one hundred are taking the examinations in this county and are working hard to pass.